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## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of : Confirmation No. 2781  
Kazuto HIROKAWA : Docket No. 2003-0954A  
Serial No. 10/616,989 : Group Art Unit 3723  
Filed July 11, 2003 : Examiner Hadi Shakeri  
POLISHING METHOD AND APPARATUS :   
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**RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT**

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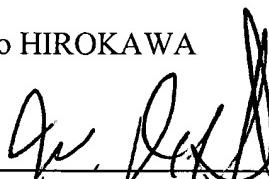
Sir:

In response to the Restriction Requirement of July 27, 2004, Applicants hereby elect the invention of Group I, claims 1-21, drawn to a polishing method and apparatus, without traverse, for further prosecution.

In view of this election, a full examination on the merits of the present application is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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